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Application Number	09/833,109
Filing Date	4/11/2001
First Named Inventor	David Wuchinich
Art Unit	3763
Examiner Name	Kevin C. Simpson
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Application of: Wuchinich)
United States Serial Number: 09/833,109) Art Unit 3763
Filing date: April 11, 2001) Examiner: Kevin C. Simmons
Entitled: Longitudinal-Torsional Ultrasonic Tissue Dissection

Assistant Commissioner of Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Amendment in response to Final Office Action of June 5, 2002

In the claims:

Please amend as follows:

Delete claims 1 through 11.

Add claims as follows:

12. A longitudinal-torsional resonator comprising

A contact point for receiving longitudinal vibration

A tip for contacting biological tissue

An inhomogeneous portion located between said contact point and
said tip

13. A resonator of claim 12 where said inhomogeneous portion comprises a
section having a rectangular cross section having the shape of a helical
spiral.

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